

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 18, 2001 (BOS Mtg. 5/1/01)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Short -Term Agreement with the National Park Service for a Revenue Sharing Project near the Yorktown Creek

Background:

As you know, on March 20, 2001, the Board approved a recommendation to apply for funding under the Virginia Department of Transportation Revenue Sharing Program for FY 2002 which included improvements near the Yorktown Creek.

These improvements, estimated to cost \$800,000, consist of the installation of shoreline stabilization structures, culvert replacement, curbing, and a pedestrian walkway (to be part of the Yorktown Riverwalk) and application of new "brownstone" type asphalt for the section of Water Street from the Water Street pump station beyond the Victory Center to the Colonial Parkway overpass. VDOT has already made a determination that the proposed improvements will be eligible for inclusion in the Revenue Sharing Program, but the actual allocation decisions will not be announced until late May/early June.

Issue:

Since some of the improvements planned for this project will be installed on property along the York River (in the Yorktown Creek area) currently owned by the National Park Service, it is necessary to acquire the subject property (or an easement) from the National Park Service or to enter into a written agreement to secure authority to develop the proposed improvements on federal property. To this end, staff is in the process of negotiating terms and conditions for the acquisition of the property needed for this project as part of a comprehensive land exchange proposed with the National Park Service. While we are making progress, the proposed land exchange may take several years to complete. Therefore, the County will need to sign a short-term agreement with the National Park Service if the Board desires to proceed with the construction of the proposed Revenue Sharing project during FY2002. The proposed agreement with the National Park Service would terminate after the County acquires the subject property from the National Park Service. A copy of the proposed agreement with the National Park Service is attached for your reference.

Recommendation:

I am confident that sufficient funding will be allocated under the Revenue Sharing Program to proceed with this important component of the Yorktown Waterfront improvements. Because this work is a prerequisite to other waterfront improvements (e.g., extension of the Riverwalk), I believe it should be

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undertaken as soon as possible. Therefore, I recommend that the Board adopt attached proposed Resolution R01-88 which authorizes the County Administrator to sign the above referenced agreement with the National Park Service.

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Attachments